

Abstract of the Disclosure

5 A multicast engine is provided in plurality within a router for replicating
and/or modifying packets identified as multicast packets. In preferred
embodiments the engine is integrated with one or more ports of a router,
particularly with one or more ports of fabric cards. In one implementation the
multicast engine is associated with a table having instructions for replicating or
modifying multicast packets received, and forwarding the packets accordingly.

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